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WILL THE COAL SUPPLY EVER BE EXHAUSTED?

Coal was formed of various forms of vegetation, which grew very abundantly during the earliest age of our earth's history. At this time the carbon and hydrogen, which form practically the whole of the fuel supply, were no more fit for sustaining animal life than granite or slate. But the atmospheric conditions and the solar heat at that time were very well adapted for vegetation, and so there resulted gigantic plants and trees. The atmosphere assimilated the hydrogen and carbon to the gigantic flora, until it was able to sustain first the lower form of life and afterwards the higher forms. This gigantic vegetation is now stored up for the benefit of our race and the succeeding races. We have as yet only begun to use the enormous supply of coal, petroleum and natural gas, and although there is a tremendous amount consumed every year, yet it is insignificant when compared to the great supply on hand.

Man in his so-called wastefulness is only restoring the elements to their primeval state, as parts of the air and the water of the ocean which surround our earth. Thus it follows, the more rapid the combustion is the richer the air becomes in those properties necessary for gigantic vegetation. If it were possible for a period to arrive when the 6,000,000,000 tons, more or less, of coal now held in concealment by Mother Earth, were consumed, the atmosphere will have gained back its primeval qualities. The only difference between the two remote geological periods, will be the reduction in the sun's energy. But it is doubtful whether this state will ever return to the earth. Ages before the arrival of this period, the atmosphere will contain a supply of carbonic acid too great for human life to endure.

If such a period returns it must be brot about thro human agency. Such a period can't return under any processes now in progress. The amount of carbonic acid doesn't vary very much yearly.

We know that in time past Nature has provided abundantly for her children and since she has done so well in the past we may rest assured that she will provide for us in the future.

### LOCALS.

We are glad to say that Sallie Montgomery is with us again.

Miss Maggie Butler was called to Kittanning on account of the death of her brother.

A colored family named Vaughn has moved to town and four of their boys started to school Monday. They are the first colored pupils of the Reynoldsville public schools, and caused quite an excitement.

Lois Robinson acted as substitute teacher during Miss Butler's absence.

Miss Florence Hayes spent Sunday in Punxsutawney.

Dr. J. B. Neale was a visitor of the schools Monday.

Low-Rate Excursion to Washington.

On Thursday, March 15th, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run special excursions from points on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, Erie to Lock Haven, inclusive, to Washington, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the National Capitol. Round-trip tickets, good going on all regular trains on day of issue, and good returning on any regular train within ten days, exclusive of going date, will be sold at rate of \$10.00 from Erie, St. Marys, and intermediate points; \$8.95 from Driewood; \$8.15 from Renovo; \$7.30 from Lock Haven; and proportionate rates from other points.

A through sleeping car will be run from Erie to Washington on train leaving Erie at 4.30 p. m.

Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase, at the ticket offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond, Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at special reduced rates.

For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

### He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world. Surest cure on earth. 25c a box, at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

Latest styles in shoes at Johnston & Nolan's shoe parlors. Call and see shoes and get their low prices.

## LETTER FROM PHILIPPINES.

Brass Band Plays at the Funerals—Can't Tell Who are the Mourners.

E. S. Strawcutter, of this place, received the following letter from his brother, Mabey Strawcutter, who is a soldier in the Philippine Islands, which he kindly consented to allow us to publish:

MAGALANG, P. I., Jan. 26, 1900.

MR. E. STRAWCUTTER.

BROTHER:—This beautiful p. m. I will endeavor to write you a few lines. We landed in Manila Bay Jan. 4th, after forty-five days sailing. Our transport, the Legan, beat the record about four days. I enjoyed the trip quite well. The weather was fine nearly all the way, except a day and night on the Atlantic ocean.

On the 6th we went ashore and to Nipa barracks on the outskirts of Manila city. The houses or barracks are built of bamboo. They were built by Spanish prisoners that the Philippines held. Manila is quite a large city, although ancient. The population is estimated between two and three hundred thousand. The people seem quite industrious, the streets are always crowded. The streets are lined with two-wheeled covered carts, drawn by a small pony and can run nearly all day. A person can hire a cart for a day for about \$1.00, Mexican money, that is equal to 50 cents in U. S. coin.

The women smoke cigarettes and some chew tobacco. They go about the streets in bare feet while some wear slippers with wooden soles without any stockings.

It is nothing to see four or five funerals a day. The higher caste is headed by the band playing "The Girl I Left Behind Me," or "A Hot Time in the Old Town." The body is carried on the shoulders of four strong men and the people straggle along behind "any old way, smoking and passing jokes with the passers. One can't tell who are the mourners.

There are many such incidents, but space and time will not permit to write.

On the 13th we moved by rail to Angeles, a small town about 45 miles distant, and remained a day then marched to this place (Magalang) another small town to relieve a negro battalion of the 25th Regulars. There are only two companies here doing garrison duty.

We are about 4 miles from a large mountain, Arrayat, the enemy's stronghold. They may attack us most any time. The day we came here a negro soldier killed a native woman and we expected an attack that night. We were called out about midnight to dig trenches all around the stone church. We are quartered in a big Catholic convent or church. But we were not attacked.

This is certainly a fine island. There are some of the prettiest driveways and public roads one would want to look at. Banana trees and coconut trees grow nearly everywhere. Since the Americans came here everything is mostly pretty high-priced. Some few things are cheap. Most of the houses are built of bamboo in the small villages.

The fighting is principally on the south line, although there is skirmishing all over the island. Most every day a small skirmish is reported. The Philippines can't stand the shot and the awful yell of the American soldier. Fifty Americans routed about three hundred of them the other day. A rush and a yell start them running. I suppose you read of the capture of Aginaldo's wife, mother and some staff officers some time ago. His capture will finally end the war, but he is slippery and hard to catch. The Meagos will sell to the soldiers in day time and at night go and fight against us. They are a very treacherous people. We carry our guns with us when we go any distance away. The Philippines will slip up behind a person and hold him. Bolo is the name of a big knife they use.

This seems to be a very healthy place, more so than in Manila. I am having good health and not much to do. I am clerk and orderly in headquarters for Provost Marshal, Lt. Boston. It excuses me from drill and all guard duty. It has rained only once, a little, since we have been on the island. The rainy season comes in about June. It is about as warm now as a day in July in the States. Yours Respectfully,

MABEY STRAWCUTTER.  
Co. F, 41st Inf., U. S. V.

### Banker Rout's a Robber.

J. R. Garrison, cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with coughs, colds or any throat, chest or lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. Alex. Stoke's Drug Store.

## Paradise.

C. E. Strouse called on friends in Sykesville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindy were visitors at Martin Strouse's on Sunday.

Wm. Dougherty has been numbered with sick but is improving slowly.

After an illness of one week, J. M. Shoensley is able to be around again.

Don't forget the necktie social at the Bollinger school next Friday evening.

G. C. Strouse has been confined to his home for several days with sore throat.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Norris and son, of near Panic, were callers here last Sunday.

Miss Inez Strouse is visiting her sister, Mrs. Homer Brumbaugh, in Reynoldsville.

Messrs. Noah and Scott Syphrit finished driving legs last Thursday for this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lott, of Troutville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cathers last Sunday.

Misses Lala Cory and Annie Filhart, of Sugar Hill, visited Mrs. J. M. Strouse on Sunday.

Ambrose Strouse has hauled the stone for his new house. He expects to build as soon as spring opens up.

Miss Edna Holman, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Strouse, the past few weeks, returned to her home in Sykesville last Friday.

The Gibson sawmill caught fire last Tuesday while the men were at dinner and burned one saw. The men got there just in time or the whole mill would have burned down.

Several of our boys attended the box supper at the Literary Hall Thursday evening. The girls from that side know how to supply food to the wants of the inner man. A very pleasant evening was spent after which the young people started for their homes in the wee small hours of the night.

### A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

The discussion of the use of meters by the Water Company has taken shape and it is probable that consumers will be charged by metre, which is the only real fair way the service can be conducted. The people are paying big money for the water that is wasted by the negligent consumer. The metre system would then stop the leaky spigots and the perpetual fountains at livery stables.—Clearfield Journal.

### A Great Prize Offer.

We have a great prize offer to make the farmers of Jefferson county! By a special arrangement with the publishers of the *Farm Journal*, a most excellent farm paper that costs 50 cents a year, we are able to offer one year's subscription to THE STAR and FIVE years' subscription to the *Farm Journal*—the two worth \$3.50—all for the small sum of \$1.25. Of course this only applies to advance paying subscribers. We can furnish a few papers at this rate, and if you want them on these terms, you must act QUICKLY! Sample copies of the *Farm Journal* will be sent free on application. Address,

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### She Didn't Buy It.

The following story will show the high price that illustrators of reputation command for their work: A young woman who had received treatment from Dr. S. Weir Mitchell of Philadelphia and was very fond of him decided, at a recent celebration of his birthday, that a fitting and appropriate gift would be the presentation of one of the original drawings of Mr. Howard Pyle for "Hugh Wynne." Fortwith she invited The Century company's secretary and, with her fingers tenderly grasping a new \$10 note, asked to buy the drawing. She was informed that these pictures were never sold unless exceptions were made in cases where the artist himself or the author wished to make the purchase.

"Just so," said the young woman. "I wish to present it to Dr. Mitchell." "Ah, in that case," said the gentleman at the desk, "we shall take pleasure in giving it to you at the exact price we paid for it, which is \$100." The little lady in her excitement dropped the \$10 bill. The gentleman at the desk picked it up for her and smiled while she hurriedly took her departure. The good doctor was presented with a less appropriate gift that year.—New York Times.

## The Hair in the Watch.

Superfluous hairlike adornments are unpopular with women, especially when they take the form of incipient mustaches. Men, as a rule, are not so sensitive, but a hairy individual, who must have been a lineal descendant of Esau, inasmuch as he actually had whiskers growing out of his ears, had a rather harrowing experience in a fashionable Chestnut street jewelry store. He wanted to buy a watch, the best in the place, and a very elaborate timepiece was shown to him by the salesman. It was said to be an excellent timekeeper. "We have had it in stock for quite awhile," explained the salesman, "and can guarantee that it won't vary a fraction of a second. We've never allowed it to run down."

The prospective purchaser, who looked like a prosperous mine owner from the west, had been examining the works and casually placed the watch to his ear. "Never run down, hey?" he ejaculated. "Why, it's stopped now."

"That's very strange," said the salesman. The man again placed the watch to his ear to make sure, and then the truth became apparent. The hair which protruded from his ear had intruded into the works and stopped the delicate mechanism. The salesman didn't like to explain matters, and his delicacy cost him the sale of the watch.—Philadelphia Record.

### Causes For Suicide in China.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, the causes of suicide in China are not as in Europe, profound melancholia, heavy losses or disappointment in love, but chiefly revenge and the desire to inflict serious injury on another. Suicide enables a Chinese to take a truly terrible revenge, for he believes that his spirit will malignantly haunt and injure the living, and the desire to save a suicide's life arises in most cases not from humanity, but from the hope of averting such a direful catastrophe.

If a master offends his servant or makes him "lose face" or a shopkeeper his assistant or apprentice, the surest revenge is to die on the premises, for it not only involves the power of haunting and of inflicting daily injuries, but renders it necessary that the body should lie where death occurs until an official inquiry is made, which brings into the house the scandal and turmoil of a visit from a mandarin with a body of officials and retainers.

It is quite common for a man or woman to walk into the courtyard of a person against whom he or she has a grudge and take a fatal dose of opium there to insure those desirable results.—Mrs. Bishop's "The Yangtze Valley and Beyond."

### A Perfect Fit.

A young fellow on the South Side has a negro valet, an old fashioned southern dandy. "Here, Jeff, I want those trousers cleaned and pressed today," he said, pointing to a rather loud striped garment that Jeff had long had his eyes on. "All right, sah," said Jeff, with a sigh.

Next morning Jeff brought the trousers back, with a big grease spot still prominent on one knee. "Can't you get that spot out?" said the owner of the trousers. "No, sah."

"Did you try turpentine?" "Fo' de Lawd, I done sacculated 'em wid turpentine."

"Did you try coal oil?" "Yes, sah; poed a quart ob ole on 'em."

"Did you try a hot iron?" "Putty nigh 'bout 'em up!"

"Did you try benzine?" "Done tried benzine an kerosene, an all the other zines, an 'ain't teeh dat grease spot." "Well, did you try 'em on?" queried the master, with a twinkle in his eye. "Yes, sah," replied Jeff, with alacrity. "An dey's a perfect fit, grease spot an all, sah."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

### Honors Easy.

"The audience was a trifle severe in its comments on the essay your wife read."

"Yes," answered Mr. Meekton, "but the audience hasn't any the best of it. It 'ud feel pretty small and discouraged if it only knew what Henrietta says about the people who criticised her."—Washington Star.

### The Very Man.

"Who would be the right officer to approach for inside governmental information?" asked the new Washington correspondent of the old one.

"The secretary of the interior," replied the latter promptly.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Our sentiments, our thoughts, our words lose verities on entering certain minds, as sticks plunged into the water look bent.

### Lady Churchill's Patriotic Retort.

Lady Churchill has inherited the wit of her father, as she demonstrated upon one occasion to an eminent British politician. He was somewhat annoyed at the campaign she had made and said:

"I really don't understand, Lady Churchill, why or how it is that American ladies refuse to enter political life in their own country, but overwhelm us here in England."

"That is because you have never traveled in the United States. The men there are so intelligent and patriotic that they do not require the services of our sex as an educating force."—Saturday Evening Post.

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